

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 10, line 13- page 11, line 5, as follows:

Figure 1 is a block diagram illustrating a Local Director® that distributes outside connections to a group of physical machines 112 (also referred to as real machines) that implement several web sites. Several Clients are shown which may connect to the websites that are implemented. A Client 120 has an IP address A.A.A.1 and a Client 122 belongs to the same subnet and has an IP address A.A.A.2. Also, a Client 130 has an IP address B.B.B.1 and a Client 132 that belongs to the same subnet has an IP address B.B.B.2. Clients make connections to virtual machines that have virtual IP addresses that are known to the Client. Each port of each virtual machine is bound to one or more real ports on a real machine. When a new connection is requested for a virtual machine port, then one of the real machine ports that is bound to the virtual machine port is selected to handle the connection. The selection is made using a load balancing scheme or other distribution scheme that distributes connections among all of the real ports that are bound to the virtual machine port specified in the incoming **synchronization ("SYN") SYN** packet.